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FIFTEEN YEARS,
SONIC! FIFTEEN
AND MORE!
YOU'VE SPENT
YOUR LIFETIME AS
A THORN IN MY
SIDE!
NO MORE!

UH-
HUH...!

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
HERO OF MOBIUS

SALLY ACORN
PRINCESS

TURN
ABOUT
IS
FAIR
PLAY

DR. IVO "EGGMAN"
ROBOTHNIK
DESPERATE TYRANT

SHIVELY ROBOTHNIK
PLOTING NEPHEW

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DON'T SASS ME,
YOU MISERABLE
BRAT! I AM DOCTOR
IVO ROBOTNIK!
THE MOST
BRILLIANT MIND
IN THE HISTORY
OF THE
WORLD!

I DO! AND
WHAT I SAY
IS LAW! YOU
KNOW WHY?

BECAUSE I
CONQUERED
THE WHOLE
PLANET,
THAT'S
WHY!!!

IF YOU
SAY SO.



DO YOU REMEMBER
OLD MOBOTROPOLIS?
VERITABLE CAPITAL
OF THE WORLD? IT
FELL TO ME IN A
MATTER OF
MINUTES!

"THE
COUP" I
REMEMBER.
I WAS, LIKE,
FIVE.

AND DO YOU RE-
MEMBER MY ULTI-
MATE VICTORY?
WHEN I GROUND
YOU INTO THE
ASHES OF KNOT-
HOLE! I'VE BEATEN
YOU BEFORE,
RODENT! I CAN
DO IT AGAIN!!!



IMPRESSIVE
RESUME, DOC.
YOU MISSED
A COUPLE OF
KEY POINTS,
THOUGH.



LIKE HOW
A GROUP OF KIDS
WITH NO REAL
TRAINING TOOK
BACK THAT CITY.
AND YOU CROAKED,
MORE OR LESS.

SCHNK

SCHNK!

I CAME BACK!
I TOOK THE
CITY BACK!



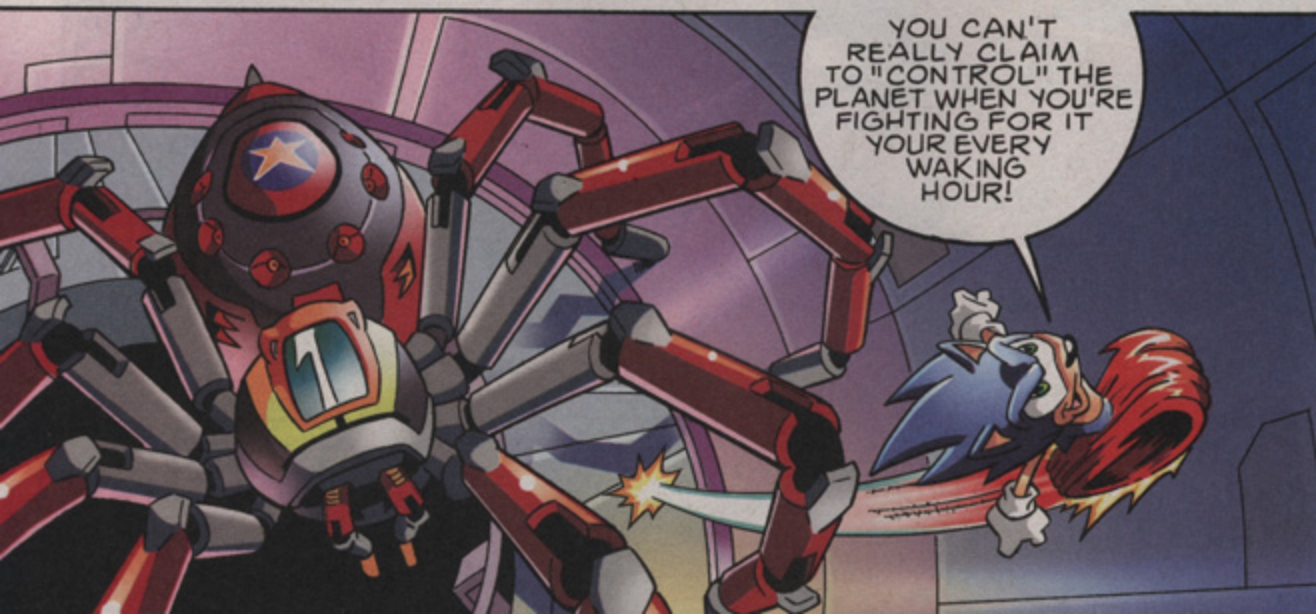
YEAH,
WHAT... FOR
A MONTH?
TOPS? AND THEN
YOU GOOFED
AND LET THE
WHOLE THING
GET NUKED BY
MISSILES!

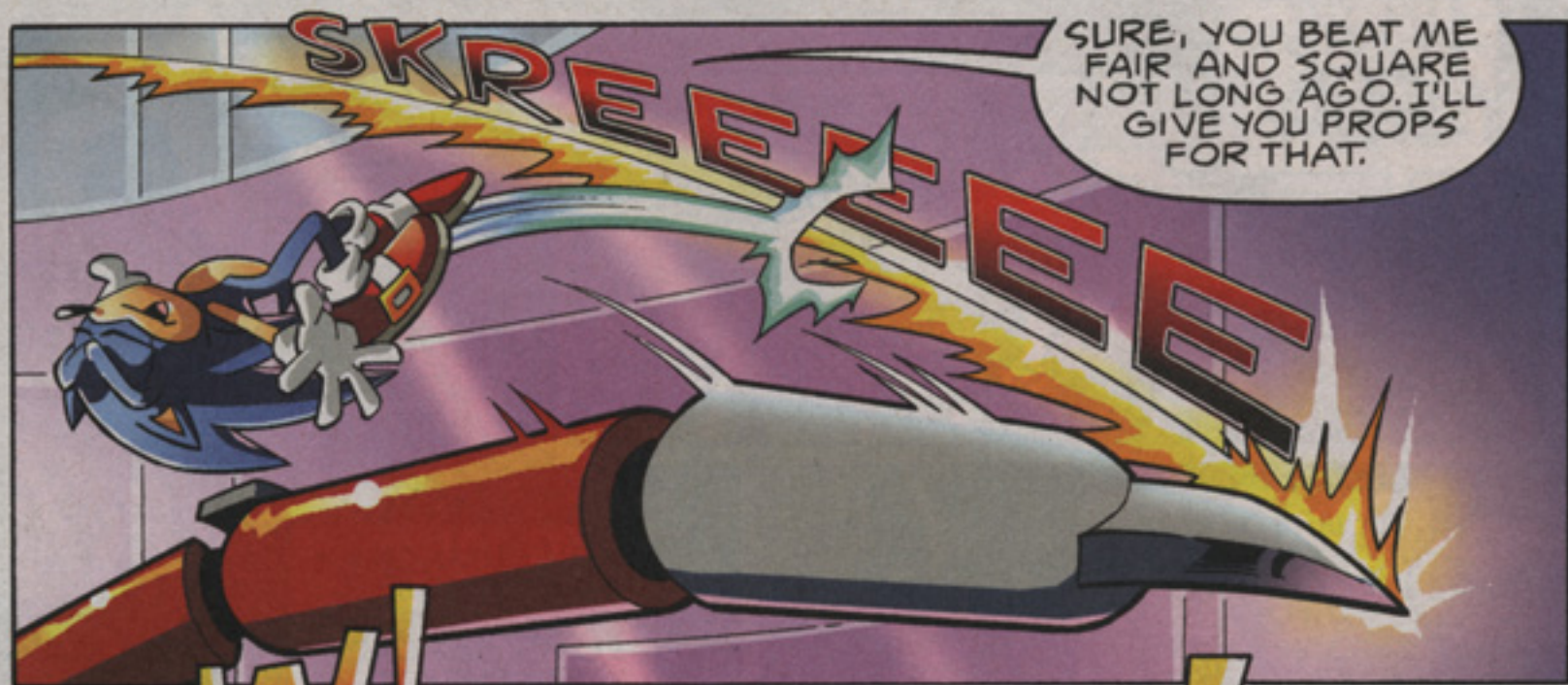


AND NOW
THE SLAG
POWERS NEW
MOBOTROPOLIS,
SO THANKS FOR
THAT!

SHUT
UP!

SCHNK
SCHNK
SCHNK
SCHNK





SURE, YOU BEAT ME
FAIR AND SQUARE
NOT LONG AGO. I'LL
GIVE YOU PROPS
FOR THAT.



BUT HOW
MANY BAD-
NIKS HAVE I
STOMPED?

ARGH!



HOW MANY
TIMES HAVE I
SENT YOU
PACKING?

STOP
IT!



I'VE BEATEN
YOU BEFORE,
EGGMAN.
A LOT.
AND I'LL DO
IT AGAIN.

RRRRRRRR
RRRRRRRR!
FSSSSSSST!
Y-Y-YOU...!



CH-J-JUST
A BOY!
STUPID
RODENT!



WHOA!

MMM-HMM-
HMM-HMM!
NO MORE
GAMES!
GAME OVER!
END IT ALL!
END HIM!



YOU CAN ONLY
BEAT THE
AVERAGES SO
LONG BEFORE
THEY BEAT
YOU!



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NNGUHH!

NO!!!



WHY, LOOK!
THE CRUCIAL
JOINT TO THIS
THING! DON'T
MIND IF
I DO!



NO, YOU
DON'T! I
WON'T LET
YOU!



FINE,
FINE. YOU
WANT TO
DO IT THE
HARD
WAY?



YOU'LL
HAVE TO
CATCH ME
FIRST!

BLASTED MANIC
PERPETUALLY
MOVING
ANIMAL.

HAHAHA!
THAT'S IT,
EGGY! RIGHT
THIS WAY!

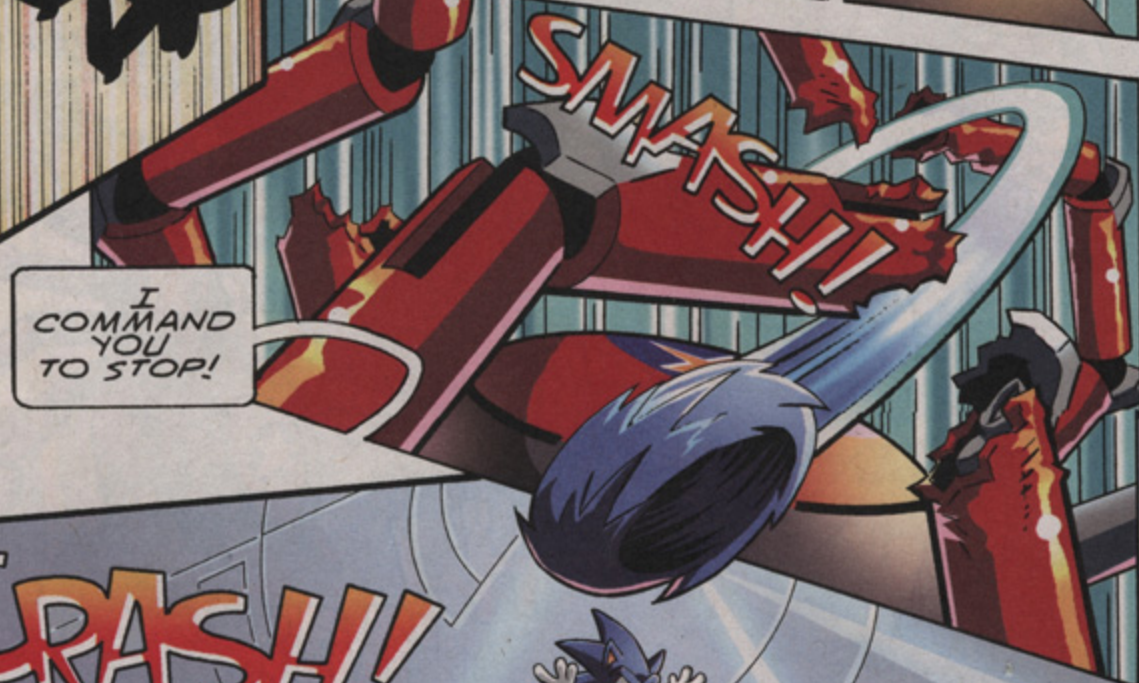
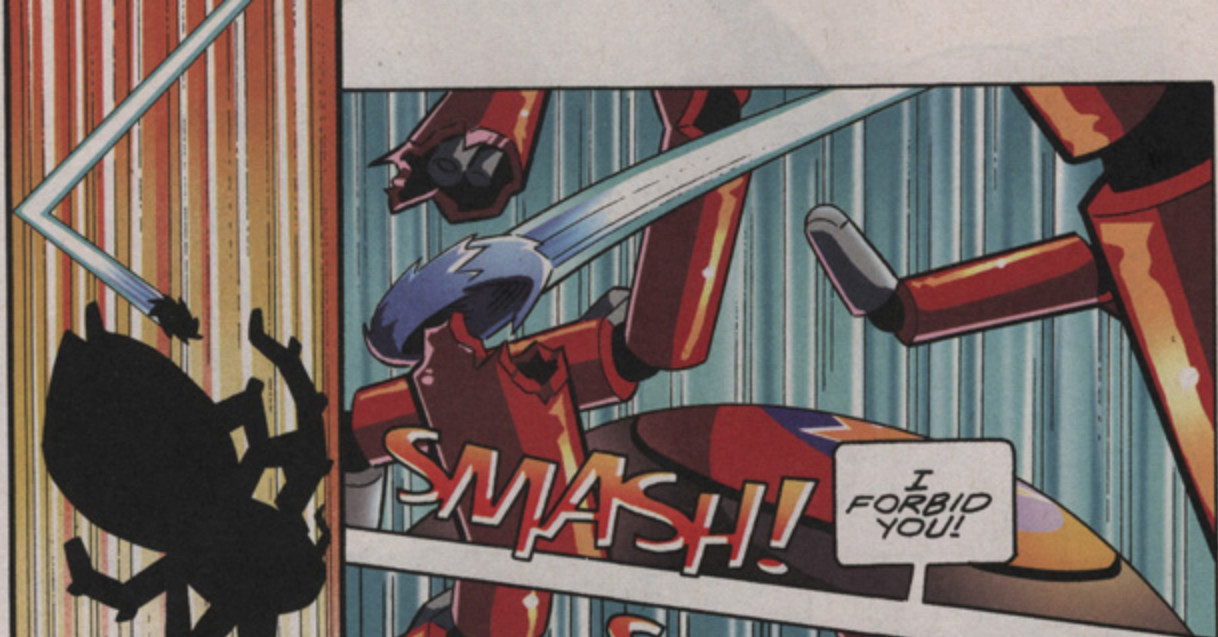
WHOOPS!
GOTCHA!

WHAT--?!

AUGH!

WHA-
M!

NO NO NO!!!
STOP IT!!!
STOP IT!!!



CRASH!!

I--
AUGH!!!

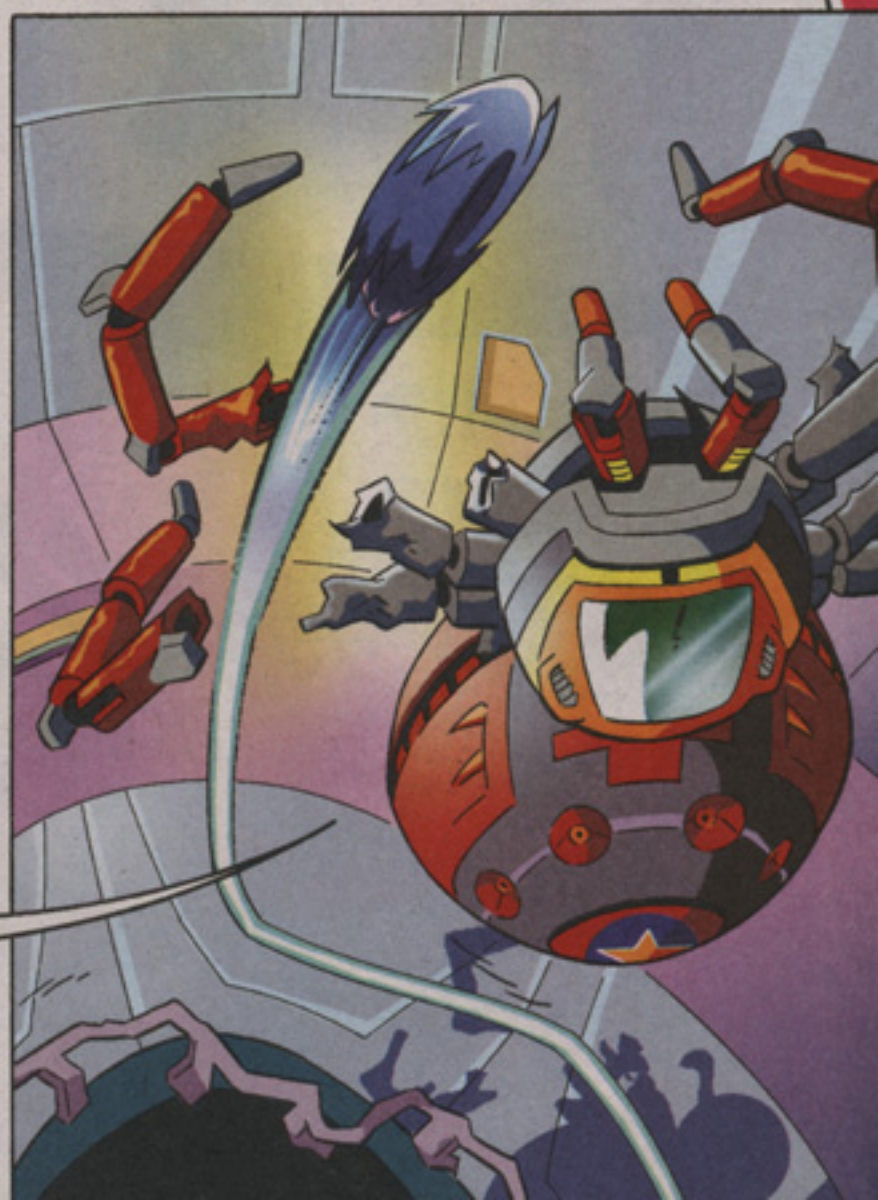




CAN'T...
WON'T
LET...
NOT
THIS
TIME
...!



NYAAAAAGH!





I--

--HATE--

--THAT--

--HEDGE-HOG!!!



WOW!
THAT WAS
CATHARTIC!

BUT ENDING A
LIFELONG DUEL
WOULD DO THAT,
WOULDN'T IT?
YOU HEAR ME,
EGGMAN?
YOU'RE
DONE.

5433



I'LL LEAVE THE
SPEECHES ABOUT
"WINNING THE DAY"
AND "CONQUERING
EVIL" TO SALLY.
I'LL BE CONTENT
WITH "NYAH NYAH"
AND "I WIN."



F-F-F-
NNNGHH
HH...

AAAAAAA
AAAAAAA
AAAAH!!!





UM...
EGGMAN?

NNNNGH-
NNNNGH-
NNNNGH...



NNNNNYAA
AAAUGH!!!



HEDGE!
GNYAH!
HOG!
HATE!
NO!

H-HEY, DOC?
DOC ROBOTNIK!...
YO! IVO!



GRRRRRRR
RRAAAHHH!!!

SONIC!

...SALLY?

MINE!
NO!
CAN'T!
NRAGH!
MMPLLT!





WE GOT HERE
AS FAST AS WE
COULD! BUNNIE
AND MIGHTY JUST
--ROBOTNIK?

YEAH.
BUNNIE AND
MIGHTY
JUST
WHAT?



RIGHT! THEY
JUST NOW
PULLED THE
DOORS APART.

AND THE
DARK
EGG
LEGION?

FELL BACK
A FEW
MINUTES
AFTER YOU
RAN AHEAD.

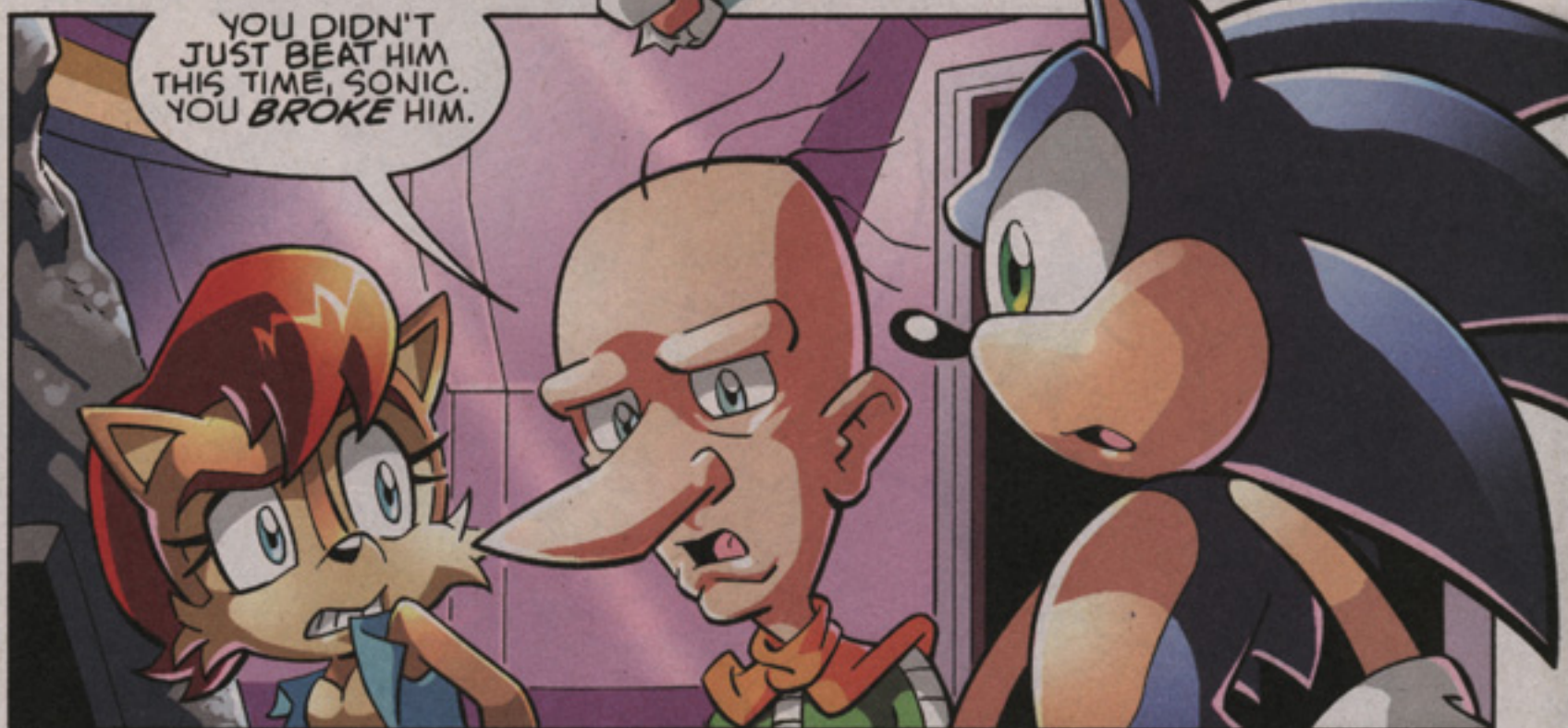
RRAUGH!



SONIC...
WHAT DID
YOU DO
TO HIM?

I JUST
BEAT HIM
LIKE
ALWAYS...

MORE
THAN
THAT.



YOU DIDN'T
JUST BEAT
HIM
THIS TIME, SONIC.
YOU **BROKE** HIM.

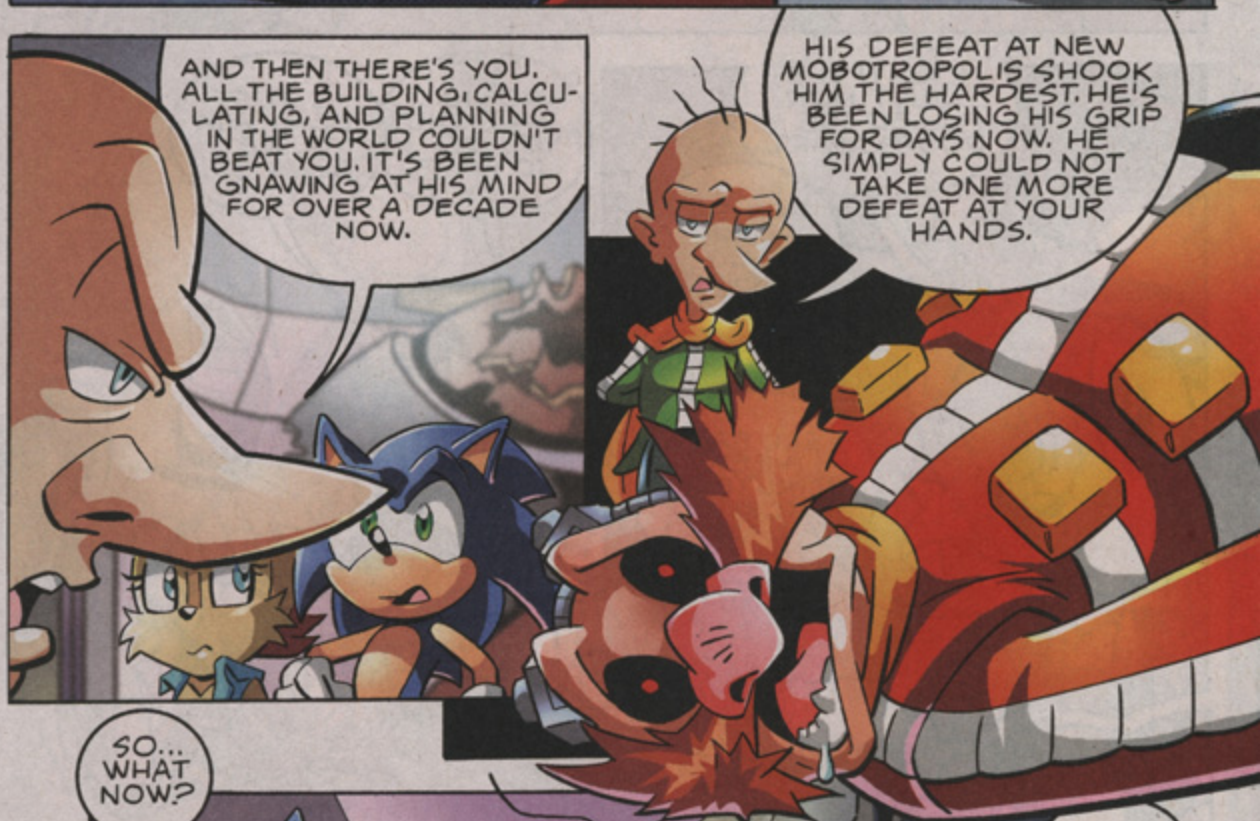
ECCENTRICS ASIDE,
HE REALLY IS A GENIUS.
HE CAN BUILD THE MOST
AMAZING THINGS AND
PLOT A HUNDRED
STEPS AHEAD. THE
WORLD FELL TO HIS
BRILLIANCE IN A FEW
SHORT YEARS.



AND THEN THERE'S YOU,
ALL THE BUILDING, CALCULATING,
AND PLANNING
IN THE WORLD COULDN'T
BEAT YOU. IT'S BEEN
GNAWING AT HIS MIND
FOR OVER A DECADE
NOW.



HIS DEFEAT AT NEW
MOBOTROPOLIS SHOOK
HIM THE HARDEST. HE'S
BEEN LOSING HIS GRIP
FOR DAYS NOW. HE
SIMPLY COULD NOT
TAKE ONE MORE
DEFEAT AT YOUR
HANDS.



SO...
WHAT
NOW?



NOW?

NOW YOU
LEAVE ME TO
TAKE CARE OF
MY POOR UNCLE.
NOW YOU GO
HOME AND
CELEBRATE.

YOU'VE
WON.







AFTER YOU WENT THROUGH THE BARRICADE, YOU GOT TO THAT ROOM, RIGHT?

YEAH. OBVIOUS TRAP, BUT WHATEVER, RIGHT?

THEN WHAT?!

HE CAME DOWN IN HIS ROBOT, UH, SPIDER. AND I TRASHED IT.



OOOH, I CAN JUST IMAGINE! SO DASHING! SO DARING!

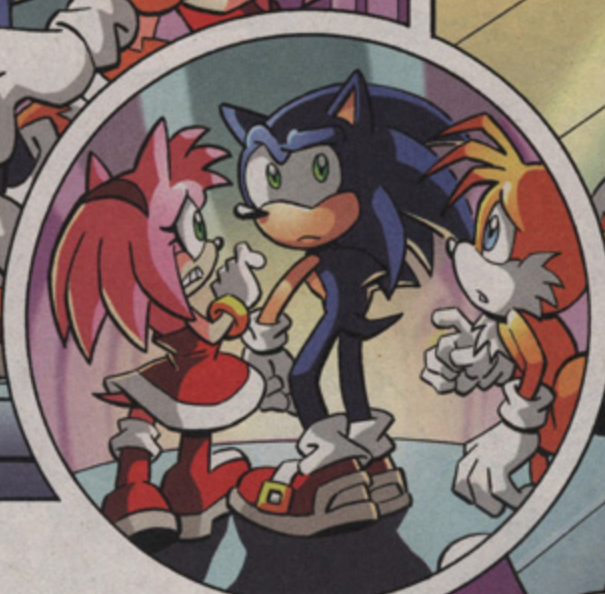
NOTHING CAN STOP THAT SONIC SPIN!



HEY, SONIC, ARE YOU OKAY?



JUST TIRED FROM KICKING SOME RO-BUTT-NIK, I GUESS.



THAT'S MORE LIKE IT!





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MOORING
LINES! LET US
GREET OUR
NEW BENE-
FACTOR WITH
PRECISION!



I HAVE RISKED
MUCH IN SIDING
WITH YOU, SNIVELY.
IF SHE DOES NOT
PROVIDE FOR MY
PEOPLE...



SAVE YOUR
IDLE THREATS,
DIMITRI. YOUR
CHOICE IN
LOYALTY
WILL BE
REWARDED.



DARK EGG
LEGION! ALLOW
ME TO INTRODUCE
YOU TO OUR NEW
MASTERS!



BRIDE OF
THE FOUR HOUSES!
RULER OF THE
IRON DOMINION
AND NOW THE
EGGMAN EMPIRE!
**THE IRON
QUEEN!**

LOOK OUT, SONIC!
EGGMAN MAY BE DOWN FOR THE COUNT,
BUT A NEW EVIL IS RIGHT ON HIS HEELS!
WHO ARE THESE NEW VILLAINS? WHERE ARE THEY
FROM? AND WHAT DO THEY WANT?
ALL THIS AND MORE NEXT TIME IN
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LETTERS

REMEMBER KIDS, THIS WAAAY PAST COOL COMIC YOU'VE GOT IN YOUR HANDS AT THIS VERY MOMENT TAKES PLACE IN A DIFFERENT WORLD THAN THE SONIC VIDEO GAMES - SO MAKE SURE YOU FORWARD ANY GAMING QUESTIONS TO THE FINE PEOPLE OVER AT SEGA! AND NOW ON TO THE GOOD STUFF!

Since this is the special 200th issue, we think it's time to print a rather special letter:

Dear Sonic Folks, Can I start with a little bit of a backstory? I was a 12 year old kid playing my Sega Genesis and loved my Sonic game. I played it again and again. When I found out they had a comic, I was there. Aside from a brief hiatus when I discovered girls were cute and expensive, I have been here since issue #30. 15 years later, I am now a 27 year old 4th grade teacher and still collecting Sonic the Hedgehog (and Archie as well). I have loved the stories and even begged my new comic store to start carrying it when I had to move to Raleigh.

The reason that I am writing this letter is that I wanted to inform you since you have been so good to me, I wanted to return the favor. I have started buying 2 issues of Sonic and Sonic Universe, one copy for me and one for my 4th grade boys to read. (The girls only want Betty and Veronica. Sorry, I tried!)

At first, I thought that they wouldn't like it. Sonic was the "GAME" years ago, but would he translate to today's generation? The answer is a resounding yes. My kids are begging me for the newest issue on Wednesday and for the archives. I had to make copies of the order forms for them to take home. Darn your advertising!!! I love comics and you guys have provided an all ages comic that doesn't insult my

intelligence yet entertains a 10 year old. Bravo sirs and madams. Hopefully, I have provided some experiences which will lead to more comic collectors in the future.

Thank you for the entertainment and providing first comic experiences for my class as well. You guys are doing an excellent job, especially with the newest Egg Phoenix comic. Sonic and the characters are 3-dimensional and almost "real" to my students. Thank you for that. I will be here 'till they put me in the ground and as long as I teach, Sonic will be a fixture in my classroom.

Peace,
Mr. Timothy R.
4th Grade Level Chair

Thanks for all that, Timothy. It's quite the compliment that you not only stuck with us for so long, but that you're passing us on to the next generation. Consider this one big shout-out to your entire class!

Dear Sonic Grams, I was feeling upbeat today, and figured I'd write to you guys. I absolutely ADORE your comics, and I've been meaning to send in some of my fan art, too. I am SO excited about issue #200!!!

And here it is! Was it worth the wait? Let us know!

I've always wondered about this: is there a pronunciation difference between Mobius and Moebius?

Nope, they sound the same. Makes you wonder how the

characters keep it straight since they can't see the word balloons. Hmm...

What do you guys think about an addition of Scourge to the SEGA video games?
That would be awesome!

Sincerely,
Abbey L.

It sure would! Maybe one day it will happen?

Dear SonicGrams: You ROCK! I was wondering when is Sonic Evolution of a Hero going to be out? Sorry, I'm a newbie to comics...

No worries! "Sonic: Evolution of a Hero" should be available as a FREE comic at your local comic store on Free Comic Book Day! (May 2nd)

I also want to say congrats on reaching 200!!! I have another question, what type of education do you need to work on the Sonic comics? and what classes do you have to take?

THANKS,
Krissie G.

That all depends on what you want to do. If you're a writer or editor, you need to take English and editing courses. If you're an artist, you'll need to study basic art theory before specializing - but a jack of all trades is good, too!

FAN-ART

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FAN FUNNIES!



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SO, ANOTHER MILESTONE IN THE BLUE BLUR'S COMIC BOOK LIFE, AND IT SEEMS TO HAVE COME SO FAST!

It seems like just yesterday i was watching the great SPAZ (Sonic cover artist extraordinaire) working on the Sonic #95 cover. Watching him hide a secret message in the webs (Bonus prize if you can find it, 'cause I can't remember where he hid it!!) then a few years later we were talking about how cool it would be if we made it to #150. And now you hold in your hand the super amazing SONIC #200. Well, this is very cool.

So a huge thanks to the tons of bosses and SEGA folks who have been there all through the years, the editors, artists, writers, letterers and colorists, the production crew and all the unsung people who helped this book continue. And of course thanks to the loyal army of Sonic readers. YOU ALL ROCK!!!

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Please note that SPAZ has done every milestone issue of 25 intervals. That is over 15 years of comics!

Ian, Tracy & the team have cooked up a great ride. So enjoy the new villain, who's really an old villain. You super Sonic fans out there might remember this villain from those older comics you have— they even tie into a certain Sonic #95 cover I remember all those years ago.

KEEP ON JUICIN',
MIKE

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VICTORY IS SWEET!

BUT WHAT DARK CLOUD COULD CRASH THE PARTY?

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